

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Howard L. "Pappy" Young was born on September 15, 1907, to Coey A. Young and Ida Buster, in Rockford, Washington, the firstborn of three children; and,

Whereas, Early in life, Pappy became an apprentice meat cutter for Safeway and was later promoted to market manager, and at the same time developed an interest in "ham" radios; and,

Whereas, Pappy joined the Marine Reserves as a communicator, working fire camps as a radio operator during forest fires, and at the same time opened his own market, but was in business only 28 days when he was called to active duty forcing him to close his business; and,

Whereas, Pappy entered a contest and asked Betty May Scotten to marry him if he won, and upon winning, they were married in an airplane over Spokane, Washington, on April 3, 1929, and to this union two children were born, Beverly and Neil, who have added seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren to the family tree; and,

Whereas, Pappy retired from the Marine Corps in 1960, after which he and Betty's travels landed them in Oceanside, California, where he worked in the commissary at Camp Pendleton, and retired again in 1969. In his leisure time he has enjoyed painting with acrylics, collecting coins and making Plexiglas coin holders, which developed into another business venture that he retired from at the young age of 85, and he now volunteers his time at Camp Pendleton Ranch House talking to tourists who visit the Bunkhouse Museum; and,

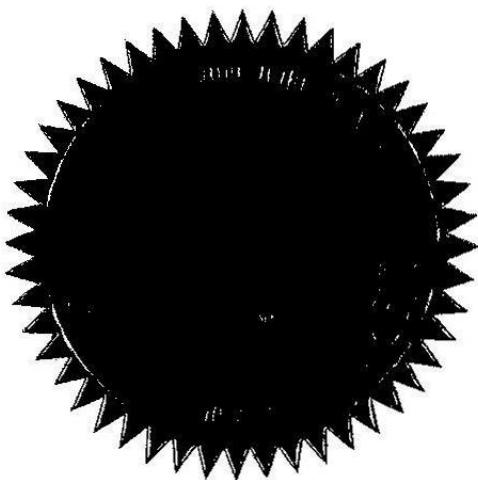
Whereas, Pappy is a remarkable marine, and his marine family is mighty proud when he calls us his "kids"; and,

Whereas, Pappy will observe his 96th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2003, as

PAPPY YOUNG DAY

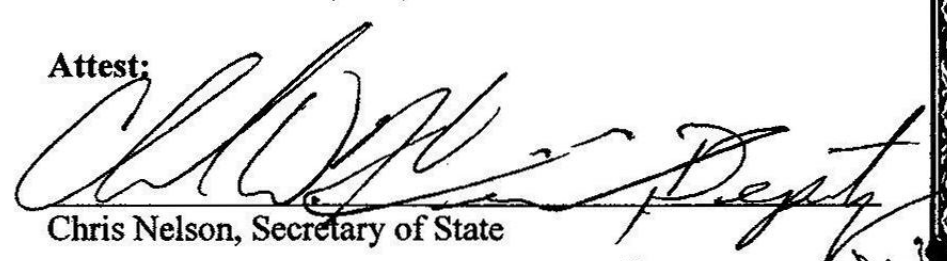
In South Dakota, and I join all his many friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State